

## DAVISSON AN EXPENSIVE MAN FOR PUBLIC

SUED FOR A COMMISSION OF \$35,968.14 ON BONDS SOLD WHILE COUNTY TREASURER

## MIGHT WANT COMMISSION FROM STATE

WOULD BE EXPENSIVE IF HE CLAIMED FIVE PER CENT AN \$1,000,000 HANDLED ANNUALLY AS LAND COMMISSIONER

Roswell, N. M., Oct. 19.—Many residents of the Pecos Valley are wondering if G. A. Davison, of Roswell, democratic candidate for state land commissioner, would expect to collect from the state in addition to his salary, commissions for the sale or lease of state lands in the event (happily remote) that he is elected. Or if he would expect commissions to himself for collecting for the state lands to reimburse him for handling such purchases or leases through the state office in his charge.

This speculation among the people is prompted by the story of Davison's efforts while county treasurer of Chaves county, to collect a commission for alleged services in selling the bond issue of local drainage districts, first from the drainage district commissioners and then from the agent of the Kansas City contractor who took the bonds in consideration for his getting the contract to install the drainage plants.

Davison is still county treasurer and is acting treasurer of the drainage districts.

Davison made efforts to sell the \$750,000 bond issue of the Dexter Greenfield, Hagerman and Roswell drainage districts, all situated in Chaves county. He made some trips to Kansas City and Chicago in efforts to sell the bonds.

Walter S. Dickey, the Kansas City contractor who got the contract for installing the drainage plants, bid 90 cents for the bonds. His only bid and the drainage commissioners accepted it. Now, the law stipulates that the drainage districts cannot pay commissions for the sale of bonds unless the price received is more than 90 cents. This precluded Davison's getting a commission from the districts for the sale of the bonds.

Knowing Davison's penchant for commissions and that he was maneuvering for one in this instance, J. R. Stanley, C. N. Moore, F. E. Keyes and other residents of the Dexter Greenfield drainage district instituted suit against B. H. Wilson, Brenb Hurst and J. T. Mills, commissioners of the Dexter-Greenfield drainage district, the district itself and against Walter S. Dickey, contractor, to prevent the payment of commissions to Davison or others for the sale of the bonds. The citizens did not relish paying huge commissions when the bonds fetched only 90 cents.

In connection with this suit, Davison made an affidavit that he had no contract or arrangement with the drainage commissioners, or Walter S. Dickey, to get any whack-up in the way of commissions or payments on the drainage deal. The salient part of Davison's affidavit follows:

"Affiant states that he has received no compensation whatever from any source by way of commissions or otherwise for whatever services he has rendered in securing a purchaser for said bonds, and that he has no contract, agreement or arrangement of any kind with the commissioners of any of said drainage districts, with Walter S. Dickey, the Commerce Trust company, or Bolger, Mosser and Willman for compensation; that as the matter now stands, the affidavit has sustained considerable loss in the way interest purchasers in the securities of time and expenses in trying to of said drainage districts.

It should be stated, parenthetically, that Walter S. Dickey, being a contractor and not a bond buyer, turned the bonds over to Bolger, Mosser and Willman, a Chicago bond house, through the agency of the Commerce Trust company of Kansas City.

Davison's affidavit about all this was subscribed and sworn to before a notary December 20, 1915. Bear that date in mind. It was the last month of the year 1915. Now, then, some time after Davison had made that affidavit he instituted a suit against G. H. Tefft, an employee of Contractor Walter S. Dickey's authorized agent and executive in the Pecos valley work, to recover the sum of \$35,968.14, which Davison alleged Tefft had agreed to pay him for services in putting through the drainage bond sale and the contract for building the system.

In his suit Davison alleged that Tefft had employed him for such services January 10, 1915, and that he had entered into an agreement with him on that date. It was more than ten months after February 10 that he made that affidavit that he had no agreements for compensation in the drainage district deal.

was directed against Tefft, who was not mentioned specifically in the affidavit, but Davison knows and so does everybody in the Pecos valley know that Tefft is the authorized agent of Contractor Dickey.

The question is, if County Treasurer Davison of Chaves county wants \$35,968.14 as pay for "services" in putting through a contract for public work for some little drainage district—where there was only one bidder, at that—now much extra for his "services" besides his salary, would he want in the event (happily remote) that he is elected state land commissioner. Davison puts such immodest prices in his "services," judging from the suit against Tefft, that he might be too expensive a man for the state. Davison has the reputation of being a spender; he is known as one of the gay dogs of Roswell. Without extra commissions the office of state land commissioner might not support him in the style to which he is accustomed.

## MOLLIE A. FRASER OF CARTER, N. M. EXPOSES DEMAND

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN WANTS ONE MONTHS SALARY FOR SLUSH FUND. NATIONAL CHAIRMAN DENIES BUT STATE CHAIRMAN PROCEEDS TO DEMAND THE MONEY

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 19.—Coming on the heels of the emphatic declaration from chairman Vance McCormick of the Democratic national committee that the committee is not permitting the assessment of postmasters for contributions to the Democratic campaign fund, complaints of postmistresses in little towns throughout New Mexico that they have been asked by Arthur Seligman, chairman of the New Mexico Democratic state committee, to give up a month's salary to his committee, have caused a sensation.

The Democratic state chairman's letter politely levying tribute of one month's salary was sent to all the postmasters and postmistresses in the state. In many little towns women eke out an existence as postmistresses for Uncle Sam and they say that to send a whole month's salary to Seligman would work a great hardship on them.

Mollie A. Fraser, postmistress at Carter, N. M., made public the letter she received from Seligman and expressed indignation at the request, and upon the amount asked by Seligman. Another postmistress sent the Seligman letter to the Republican state committee, at the same time denouncing Seligman and his Democratic organization for their attempts to finance the Democratic campaign in New Mexico with the meager salaries of working women.

Many of the women struggling along at their little postmistress jobs and many postmasters have declared that they will not submit to Seligman's assessment.

Following is the letter, received by a postmistress, signed by Arthur Seligman and written on the stationery of the Democratic State Central committee at Santa Fe under date of September 28, 1916:

"We are now preparing for an active and energetic campaign and I assure you that it will be our aim to continue the present administration in power, but it will be necessary, in order that we may conduct an aggressive fight, that contributions be made by you. In 1911 and 1912, we must fight the same money power and if you will do your part, I am convinced that success will be our reward.

I cannot but feel that one whom the party has desired to honor and assist, must have more than ordinary interest in its present and future welfare.

We are very much in need of funds and may I suggest that you send us at a very early date your contribution and may we hope that it will not be less than an amount equal to one month's salary?

Will you do your part? You can help us most now and we need your help.

Sincerely yours,  
ARTHUR SELIGMAN

The other day in New York, Vance McCormick, chairman of the Democratic national committee, made public a letter sent out by Democratic leaders in Texas demanding campaign contributions from postmasters under penalty of losing their jobs if they refused, McCormick accompanying it with the statement that the national committee had stopped the letters and that the Democratic committee would not permit the assessment of postmasters for campaign donations.

Seligman does not state in his letter what use will be made of the hard-earned salaries of women and small-town postmasters. He expects to collect his letter implying that the money will be used for the "success of the party," but it is well known that Seligman's chief interest in this campaign is to re-elect the McDonald-de Baca combination to power in New Mexico.

## MRS ALLIE KANEN NEW GRAND MATRON OF EASTERN STAR

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AND GRAND COMMANDARY ELECT OFFICERS. LAS VEGAS PROVIDES FINE ENTERTAINMENT FOR VISITORS

Royally Entertained

The grand chapter members and all visiting masons and their ladies were royally entertained by Ransford Chapter No. 2 of Las Vegas, during their stay in the city.

A dance was given by the local chapter in the Commercial club rooms, Thursday evening and was largely attended and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Friday morning at 10 o'clock the grand chapter was called to order in the Masonic Temple, sessions were held during the day and in the evening Ransford Chapter No. 2 on the degree work for the visitors.

The sessions continued Saturday morning and afternoon followed by the election of grand officers for the coming year.

The installation took place Saturday at 7:30 o'clock, Past Grand Master Emma Muir acting as installing officer and Past Grand Matron Minnie Miller now of California as Grand Marshall.

A complete list of the grand officers of the Order of the Eastern Star elected and appointed for the year are as follows:

Mrs. Allie J. Kanen, of Santa Fe, grand matron; Mr. John W. Turner, of Santa Rita, grand patron; Mrs. Ida M. Jewell, of Las Cruces, grand associate matron; Mrs. Frank W. Williams, of Las Vegas, grand associate patron; Mrs. Marion Stevens, of Raton, grand secretary; Mrs. Lucy Reed, of Albuquerque, grand treasurer; Mrs. Jessie Morgan, of Artesia, grand conductress; Mrs. Lynette Maxwell, of Estancia, grand associate conductress; Mrs. Emma Robinson, of Lovington, grand chaplain; Mrs. Anna Kettner, of Gallup, grand marshal; Mrs. Rose Bird Andrews, of Roswell, grand organizer; Mrs. Mary L. Staplin, of Farmington, grand advisor; Mrs. Katherine Yates, of Deming, grand hostess; Mollie E. Miller, of Carrizozo, grand Esther; Mrs. Lula Stone, of Portales, grand Martha; Mrs. Anna Fraser, of Dawson, grand Electa; Mrs. Gertrude Dills, of Roswell, grand warden; Mr. Frank P. Kilburn, of Clayton, grand sentinel; Mrs. Margaret Hinds, of Tucuman, fraternal correspondent.

Following the installation ceremonies a banquet was held at the Castaneda hotel, given by the Las Vegas Chapter for all visiting and local Star members, totaling 119. The automobile ride which had been planned for the entertainment of the visitors Saturday morning was called off on account of the heavy rain. Every outside event of the week was interfered with by the wet weather, but the visitors took it all in good part. The indoor entertainment of the guests was most enjoyable. A list of those who attended is as follows: Mrs. Warren, past grand matron Silver City; Mrs. Wright, past grand matron, Silver City; Mrs. Allrich, past grand matron, Gallup.

Mrs. Minnie H. Miller, past grand matron, Albuquerque; grand chapter members: Mrs. Emma Miller, Carrizozo; Mrs. William Miller, Las Cruces; Mrs. Allie J. Kanen, associate grand matron, Santa Fe; Mrs. John W. Turner, associate grand patron, Santa Rita; Mrs. Marion P. Stevens, grand secretary, Santa Fe; Mrs. Ida M. Jewell, grand conductress, Las Cruces; Mrs. Jessie M. Morgan, associate grand warden, Artesia; Mrs. S. E. Miller, grand sentinel, Carrizozo; Mrs. Marina Johnson, grand chaplain, Las Vegas; Mrs. Anna Fraser, grand Martha, Dawson; Mrs. Cordelia Bonpenner, grand Electa, Raton; past grand matrons: Mrs. D. Stevens, Raton; Mrs. A. D. Goldenberg, Tucuman; past worthy matrons: Mrs. Mabel D. Wilson, McKinley chapter; Mrs. Anna Lee Kettner, McKinley chapter; Mrs. Grace White, Albuquerque; Mrs. Agnes M. Trippe, Las Vegas; Mrs. Margaret Hinds, Tucuman; Mrs. Lola M. Turner, Santa Rita; Mrs. Fannie Kelly, Silver City; Mrs. Katherine Yates, Deming; Mrs. B. F. McGuire, Las Vegas; Mrs. Lynette Dean Maxwell, Estancia; Mrs. Mary L. Staplin, Farmington; Mrs. Mollie E. Miller, Carrizozo; Mrs. Gertrude Dills, Roswell; Mrs. Mary L. Connor, Albuquerque; Mrs. Frances Coles, Las Vegas; Mrs. Fannie Blakemore, Albuquerque; Mrs. Ida L. Seelinger, Las Vegas; Mrs. Jennie Williams, Las Vegas; past worthy patrons: Mr. R. M. Carson, Roswell; Mr. Frank A. Hawley, Las Cruces; Mr. John K. Kelly, Silver City; Mr. F. P. Kilburn, Clayton; delegates: Mrs. Ethel Huffine, Raton; Mrs. Lesta Mohr, Mrs. Frank R. Williams, Mrs. Ida Pritchett, Las Vegas; Miss Mary E. Thomas, Miss Carrie Lenford, Silver City; Mrs. Alice Dum, Mimbres; Mrs. Elvora Haywood, Mrs. Gertrude Thomas, Albuquerque; Mrs. Mildred Gill, Mrs. Grace D. Kilburn, Clayton; Mrs. Mary H. Duncan, Mrs. Rose C. Lowenstein, Socorro; Mrs. Rose Bird Andrews, Roswell; Mrs. Margaret Hinds, Tucuman; Mrs. Alice Boyle, Gallup; Mrs. Rose C. McBride, Mrs. Charles F. Kanen, Mrs. Pearl B. Wagner, Santa Fe; Mrs. Ellen Hoagland, Las Cruces; Mrs. Mamie Sherwood, Estancia; Mrs. Alice Ackers, Elida; Mrs. Lula Stone, Portales.

les; Mrs. Agnes Brown, Dawson; and Mrs. Emma Robinson, Lovington.

Grand Chapter

The officers elected by the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons are: Alez D. Goldenberg, Tucuman, grand high priest; Herbert R. Holt, Las Cruces, deputy grand high priest; Richard M. Thorne, Carlsbad, grand king; Reuben Perry, Albuquerque, grand scribe; Arthur J. Maloy, Albuquerque, grand treasurer; and Alpheus M. Keen, Albuquerque, grand secretary. The new officers were installed Thursday with the customary ceremonies of the chapter.

The appointive officers of the grand chapter are: John J. Kelly, Silver City, grand lecturer; William A. Chapman, Raton, grand chaplain; J. Smith Lea, Roswell, grand captain of the host; John G. Moir, Deming, grand principal sojourner; Charles C. Manning, Gallup, grand royal arch captain; R. H. Hanna, Santa Fe, grand master of the third valley; Guy M. Cary, East Las Vegas, grand master of the second valley; Samuel F. Miller, Carrizozo, grand master of the first valley, and Charles E. Lowber, Albuquerque, grand sentinel.

Grand Commandary

The officers of the Grand Commandary, Knights Templar, elected at Friday's meeting of the grand commandery are: Grand commander, Sir William A. Chapman, Raton; deputy grand commander, Sir William H. Newcomb, Silver City; grand generalissimo, Sir Herbert R. Holt, Las Cruces; grand captain general, Sir Claude Hobbs, Roswell; grand senior warden, Sir John M. Bowman, Alamogordo; grand junior warden, Sir Wesley O'Connor, Santa Fe; grand treasurer, Sir Arthur J. Maloy, Albuquerque, and grand recorder, Sir Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque. The officers were formally installed immediately after the election. The communication lasted until almost 1 o'clock that afternoon, and committees were busy the greater portion of the day. The commandery is housed in the Masonic hall in the full regalia of the order.

The appointive officers of the grand commandery are: Grand prelate, Sir C. C. Manning, Gallup; grand standard bearer, Sir Richard H. Hanna, Santa Fe; grand sword bearer, Sir C. Price, Raton; grand warden, Sir Peter Cameron, Albuquerque; grand sentinel, Sir Charles E. Lowber, Albuquerque.

## COMMITTEE TO ARRANGE FOR TEACHERS NAMED

THERE WILL BE A LARGE ATTENDANCE IN THIS CITY NEXT MONTH TO ANNUAL MEETING

The committee in charge of arrangements for the New Mexico Educational Association have appointed the following committees to look after the various details in connection with the annual meeting of that association which is to be held here the last week in November:

Finance: Frank Owen, chairman. Rooms and Assignments: Jose D. Senna, chairman. Decorations: C. W. McClintock, chairman; Mrs. James Seligman, H. J. Dorman, Mrs. W. G. Sargent, Julius Gans, Adolph J. Fischer, Kenneth M. Chapman, Mrs. Frank Andrews, R. V. Boyle.

Meeting places: Julius Gans, chairman; M. T. Dunlavy, Frank Gormley, Mrs. M. L. Burrows, Mrs. J. A. Rolfs. Automobiles: Mrs. C. G. Mardorf, chairman; Mrs. R. L. Ormsbee, R. L. Ormsbee, S. G. Cartwright, Mrs. Tom Dwyer.

Transportation: H. S. Lutz, chairman; William M. Scott, Ralph C. Ely. Program: Rupert E. Asplund, chairman; Carl A. Bishop. Reception: Governor and Mrs. W. C. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Alvan White, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Jose D. Senna, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gormley, Mrs. R. J. Palen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Rupert E. Asplund, Archbishop E. Pinaval, Rev. B. Z. McDonald, Rev. E. H. Hammond, Mrs. A. B. Rencane, Mrs. Jacob Weltner, Mrs. Nina Otero de Warren, Mrs. Levi A. Hughes, Mrs. W. J. Barker, Mrs. Kate Hall, Mrs. Paul Walter, Mrs. C. C. Catron, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Clegg, Mrs. E. P. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. Flora Conrad, E. N. Boule, Frank J. Lavan, Col. R. E. Twitchell, Dr. James A. Massie, Rev. Leonidas Smith.

Entertainment: Dr. James A. Rolfs, chairman; Mrs. Francis C. Wilson, Mrs. Charles Doll, Mrs. W. G. Sargent, Mrs. Ralph M. Henderson, Mrs. E. L. Hewett.

There is no question but what the capital city will provide ample and interesting amusement and recreation for the teachers who are so fortunate as to be with us at that time.

ROY INCORPORATES

The town of Roy has incorporated and an election has been called for the purpose of selecting town officers, which election will be held on the 21st of November. Roy is one of the progressive little towns of northeastern New Mexico and has made large increase in population and improvements during the past year.

Bids have been asked for the construction of a bridge across Red River, near the town of Roy, something that is very much needed in that part of the state.

## SPECIAL REPORTS ON CAMPAIGN FROM ALL OVER OUR STATE

NEARLY EVERY COUNTY MAKES GOOD SHOWING FOR REPUBLICANS STATE FOR HUGHES AND STATE TICKET BY BIG PLURALITY

Special to State Record.

Clovis, New Mexico, October 18.—On Friday night Hon. H. O. Bursum, Hon. W. E. Lindsey and Hon. John H. Wagner addressed the people of Curry county at Clovis at the Elks auditorium. An audience of about five hundred were present, including many democrats. Mr. Bursum talked for almost two hours and was given close attention by the crowd. Many democrats were observed to frequently cheer and applaud. His position on roads and schools and in fact his whole speech was well received by the audience and has made many votes for the Republican cause in Curry county. Several democrats were heard to say after the meeting was over that they proposed to vote for Bursum and that they believed he would save the state a sound, healthy business administration. It is now thought that Bursum will make a splendid race in Curry county, perhaps carrying the county which is normally two to one democratic.

Special to State Record.

Silver City, New Mexico, Oct. 19.—Bursum sentiment in Silver City and Grant county has always been strong. His statement to the public published Friday has solidified this sentiment into a growing feeling of relief and satisfaction that at last has taken action to secure redress for the extremely vicious articles that have been published against him for many years in the newspapers he is suing. He should have done this during the campaign five years ago," remarked a prominent Silver City business man, "and was only his reluctance to be placed in the attitude of attempting to muzzle the press during a political campaign that kept him from it in the face of the protests of thousands of his supporters.

Special to State Record.

Willard New Mexico, Oct. 19 1916.—The statement of Hon. H. O. Bursum to the people of New Mexico printed in our last issue of the Willard Record was received with great enthusiasm by the people of Willard and vicinity. The sentiment here has always been in favor of our candidate for Governor, Hon. H. O. Bursum, but since the statement was issued it has strengthened the confidence for a great victory in November. The few skeptics are now convinced of the unjust act on Bursum and commend him for bravely placing his reputation on the line for the cause of the Republicans.

Special to State Record.

Clayton New Mexico, Oct. 15.—Never was as much enthusiasm exhibited in Clayton as the visit of Hon. H. O. Bursum. There were more than five hundred people who escorted him to his car when he was finally able to pull himself away from the town. People, men and women, came to shake his hand and bid him Godspeed. His address here was remarkable for its clarity and force. He shone no mind. It is universally conceded that his speech gained three to five hundred republican majority for Bursum in Clayton favorably impressed with Bursum and his strong, sane logic and the bigness of the man.

Special to State Record.

Socorro, New Mexico, Oct. 19.—Little comment has been made here on Bursum's statement to the people of New Mexico. The impression of Bursum and it is believed by the people of this community, including the better class of democrats. A few democrats who permit the democratic organization of the state to do their thinking believe Bursum's statement to be sound and the people of this county who know Bursum personally fully approve of his suit against Albuquerque Journal.

Special to State Record.

Deming New Mexico, Oct. 19.—Sentiment for Hon. Bursum in Luna county has been steadily growing since his nomination and this in spite of vicious attacks of the democratic press. He is going to get the solid republican vote of Luna county and he has a lot of friends among the democratic who are going to vote for him. While Mr. Bursum's statement has made a good impression with the people of Luna county, it wasn't really necessary.

Special to State Record.

Deming New Mexico, Oct. 19 1916.—Bursum's explanation clears any doubt what might have existed here. He will get splendid endorsement in this democratic county. Southwestern New Mexico will surely endorse Bursum. Mark my prediction. Democrats shooting heaven's guns here but Hughes and Bursum going stronger every day.

Special to State Record.

Raton, Oct. 19.—Since the nomination of the democratic ticket in this county the feeling is that Colfax will give the largest republican majority it has ever registered. Republicans are united, democrats dissatisfied with their county ticket, Bursum, Wagner and Hernandez are favorites in this county.

Special to State Record.

Gallup, New Mexico, October, 19.—The Republicans of Gallup and

many democrats, who propose to vote for H. O. Bursum for governor, were greatly pleased with his statement to the people of New Mexico, published here last week. The Morning Journal's vacillating political affiliations have entirely destroyed its influence here, and what it says about Hubbell and Bursum has no effect.

Special to State Record.

Hillsboro, Oct. 19.—Good Republican ticket nominated here this week. Will carry easily this fall. Bursum and Hubbell will both run well here. The statement of Mr. Bursum a good exposition of the facts, but people here already knew them and do not credit newspaper reports against him.

Special to State Record.

Farmington, October 19, 1916.—H. O. Bursum is gaining ground in this county every day. His friends were very glad to receive his statement and to know that he has filed suit against the Journal which has been belching fire for years. The democratic majority will be very slim in this county this year.

Special to State Record.

Fort Sumner, Oct. 19.—The Bursum statement just published here is a good statement of facts. No statement was needed here, as this town is strong for Bursum. Our people do not like the democratic trade made with Otero and Montoya and will scratch them.

Special to State Record.

Lordsburg, Oct. 19.—The Bursum statement regarded as timely and to point and will allay the fears of a few who did not understand the exact situation in regard to Bursum's suit against the state for the balance due him when he retired as superintendent of the penitentiary.

Special to State Record.

E. Las Vegas, N. M., Oct. 16, 1916.—The Bursum statement with Mc Donald-de Baca Democratic machine. His renomination was heartily seconded by dotting relatives.

Special to State Record.

Springer, Oct. 19.—Bursum letter of interest to voters. The flopping Journal of no influence here. Many local democrats dissatisfied with Mc Donald's administration and will vote all or part of Republican ticket.

Special to State Record.

Las Cruces, Oct. 19.—Very little comment about Bursum's letter here, but favorable where mentioned at all. The First State Bank failure and McDonald's administration of more interest. Dona Ana will give majority for the whole ticket.

Special to State Record.

Carlsbad, N. M., Oct. 19, 1916.—Bursum statement widely discussed. Those who mention it approve of action taken. Charges made by the Journal have small effect in this country.

Special to State Record.

Roswell, N. M., Oct. 19 1916.—Governor Dextor and Hagerman yesterday, and Spanish Americans here last night. Big meeting will be held here.

GOVERNOR McDONALD GETS CHILLY RECEPTION

In Silver City the other night Governor W. C. McDonald and his Democratic stump party spoke to an audience in which there were 38 voters, by actual count. When McDonald began an attack on H. O. Bursum, the republican candidate for governor, ten men got up an left in disgust.

The same night in the same city an informal meeting of the Silver City Republican club was at the club headquarters. There were no speakers from the outside, it was merely a little gathering of the club. But 125 voters were present.

Comparison of the two meetings shows the growing popularity of the Republican cause and the Republican ticket, and the fiasco of McDonald's speaking trip through the southern part of the state.

It should be noted that the Democrats sent out glowing reports to the effect that the McDonald party was given an ovation by immense crowds in Silver City, Deming and other cities visited, endeavoring by deceit to conceal the lack of interest in the Democratic ticket.

COPPER PROSPECTS

M. P. McCall and J. F. Hopkins of the Red Peak Copper Co., were in this week after prospecting for the camp. They are sure slated over the bright prospects for their mines. The machinery is expected to arrive from Chicago before many days and the mining industry in Quay county will begin to boom.

George L. Murray and wife were in Tucuman from Bard this week. Mr. Murray reports the Bull Canyon Copper Co. doing business. Not a dollar of the stock could be bought as it is being financed by Amarillo capital. Work is being pushed and the proper machinery will be installed in due time. The mine stuff is rich with copper, going better than 20 per cent, and there seems to be plenty of it.—Tucuman News.

Republican Candidate for Governor or Bursum and Republican Candidate for State Supt. for Schools J. H. Wagner, gave a very interesting political talk before a large crowd at the Mesquero School house.—Mesquero Sun.

T. R. Pint, of Alva, Okla., has purchased an improved section of land near Roy and will locate there in a few weeks.

## ANTONIO LUCERO HAS TAKEN GOOD CARE OF FAMILY

THOUSANDS BESIDES HIS SALARY AS SECRETARY OF STATE WENT TO HIS RELATIVES

## E. C. DE BACA ALSO GETS SLICE

MARTINEZ PRINTING COMPANY IN WHICH DE BACA AND LUCERO ARE INTERESTED GET A RAKE OF IN WAY OF PRINTING

Honorable Antonio Lucero and his family have tapped the state payroll for more than \$21,139.75 since Lucero took office in January 1912. Every good picture for an official drawing, but \$3,000 a year salary, eh what?

Lucero and his son and daughters, and doubtless his sisters and his aunts, would like a few years more of state money. This Democrat has made a sort of family exchequer out of the state revenues of his office. Lucero is a candidate on the Democratic ticket to succeed himself, being a prominent member of the McDonald-de Baca Democratic machine. His renomination was heartily seconded by dotting relatives.

The records show times when five members of Lucero's immediate family were drawing salaries from the secretary of state's office, some even holding down two jobs at once. Besides that, Lucero has bestowed additional state money upon himself by awarding departmental printing jobs to his relatives, publishing companies of Las Vegas, of which he is part owner with E. C. de Baca.

And in the face of this raw record, Lucero has the crust to ask the people of New Mexico to re-elect him. Such rind is explained by the palpable pigsticker of the man as shown by stewardship of the office of secretary of state.

Lucero started right out when he became Secretary of State with the thrifty notion of keeping as much revenue of his office as possible in the family. What was the use of administering public funds if his children could not share with him the use of it?

How well Lucero succeeded in carrying out this policy of "get all you can when you have the chance" may be judged from the fact that an official audit of his office made at the close of the second fiscal year of the state showed that the Lucero family had annexed \$13,897.75 in salaries and wages.

There was in addition, papa's share of the \$2,216 paid in that time to La Voz del Pueblo and the Martinez Publishing company of Las Vegas, in which joint enterprise, Lucero, as has been stated, is a part owner.

This bit of business also served the purpose of shying a little additional state money into the lap of Lieutenant Governor E. C. de Baca, the present Democratic-McDonald candidate for governor. De Baca, it will be borne in mind, is one of the owners of the Las Vegas publishing business, too.

Nearly two fiscal years have elapsed since the official audit showed the Lucero family's salary grab of \$13,897.75. All the little intimate details of Secretary of State Antonio Lucero's administration of the automobile license tax fund and the office fee collections since that time are not available. Moreover, clerks would feel a certain hesitancy about inquiring for them. It would seem too much like prying into Lucero's family affairs.

However, if the official audit made by the Traveling Auditor's department, showing the emoluments of the Lucero family up to that time may be used as a basis for calculation, it would seem fair to assume that the Luceros should be well on toward the \$25,000 mark by now. It would appear highly improbable that an official showing such a year for his family as Mr. Lucero would suddenly turn nugardly after so splendid a start.

Be that as it may, there are records that show that up to the first nine months of 1916, the house of Lucero has received in salaries or wages a little over \$21,139.75 from the state—a total that is not to be sneezed at. The profits of the printing jobs given to the Martinez shop in Las Vegas would bring it up over \$23,000.

Chief aides of the democratic Secretary of State's ambition to keep as much public money as possible in the family have been his son, Antonio Lucero, Jr., and his three daughters, Miss Aurora Lucero, Miss Delta Lucero and Miss Julia Lucero. Assistant chief aides have been another daughter, Miss F. Lucero, and a niece, Mrs. J. Valerio.

If it were not such a glaring instance of salary-grabbing—sort of polite sand bagging of the state treasury—for the purpose of enriching himself in public office, one could not but admire Lucero for the way he has made his \$3,000-a-year position productive.

No one but a finished salary-grabber, of which the Democratic party in this state is so prolific, could manage to have a son and three daughters holding down one and even two jobs at the same time. In the